

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWS LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

From Items of Interest to Herald Readers. Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Gaddy's Mill
The farmers of Gaddy's Mill section have had a splendid week of warm fair weather to sow their tobacco beds.

Mrs. Della Hulon of Columbus county has been visiting her son.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lupo made a trip to Nichols Saturday last.

Miss Lola Cook of Kemper section has been visiting her sister Mrs. Clyde Lupo.

Mrs. Wiley Lupo and Mrs. L. M. Lupo spent Tuesday last with Mrs. H. N. Powell.

Mrs. J. C. Adams is in the hospital at Hamlet, N. C. We hope she will soon be home.

Miss Winnie Oliver and Miss Claude Rogers of Coker College spent the week end at home.

Fork
Miss Estelena McDonald of Dillon was the week end guest of friends here.

Miss Ethel Owens, who is in a hospital at Fayetteville, N. C., spending two weeks at home.

Miss Anna and Bouchier Calhoun are attending a business school at Columbia are spending a few days home.

Miss Ida Booth of Lake View is a guest of relatives here.

The ladies of the improvement association met at the school house Friday afternoon and had a reelection of officers.

Mrs. Jasper Quick entertained the Missionary Society of the Methodist church Saturday afternoon. New officers were elected for the coming year.

Dothan
The Home Demonstration club and Improvement Association held their regular monthly meeting Friday.

The demonstration given by Margaret Evans was enjoyed.

Fennigan and family
Miss Lella Fennigan and Mr. and Mrs. McLean and family of Latta were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Ellen's Sunday.

Miss Margaret Smith of Minturn is at Mrs. F. L. Bethea's.

Rev. W. C. Owen, the M. E. Church State Sunday School worker was the guest of Mr. F. L. Bethea last Sunday.

Mr. P. L. Bethea of Minturn, and Mr. T. W. Bethea and family of Dillon also dined with Mr. F. L. Bethea last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bethea spent Sunday in Mullins.

The trustees and several of the other men of the community met at the school building Monday night to select fencing for the school grounds in behalf of the Improvement Association.

Misses Julia and Viola Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bethea took tea at the home of Mr. Fitzhugh Bethea's Sunday evening.

We are very much interested in the purchase of the war "savings" thrift stamps. We wish to do out bit in every way possible.

Mrs. Frank Powers is very ill.

A bale of cotton belonging to Mr. Z. A. Ellen caught fire Monday afternoon. As several men were near it was put out before it did much damage.

Lake View
Miss Mabel Norton spent the week end with relatives at Columbia.

Miss Sallie Elvington has returned from a two weeks visit to friends at Lumberton and Fairmont. She reports a pleasant time while there.

Miss Rosa Smith has returned from a visit to her mother at Marion.

Miss Gertrude Rogers of Albany, Ga., is spending several weeks with friends here.

J. M. Ford has returned from the northern markets where he went to buy a line of dry goods, shoes and notions for the firm of Ford Bros.

Messrs. W. B. Ford, H. H. Bailey and W. M. Gaddy have purchased a lot on Main Street for the purpose of building a large brick store and going in the hardware and furniture business.

Miss Alma Goodyear spent a few days last week with friends at Fork.

Tracey Stackhouse, who is engaged in the mercantile business in southwest Georgia, spent several days with his parents this week while en route home from a business trip to the north.

MR. BAKER REVIEWS TUSCANIA TRAGEDY

Attributes Relatively Small Toll of 118 to Fine Discipline of the Men

Washington, Feb. 10.—Development of German's long deferred offensive in the west from the reconnoitering thrusts launched during the past week around Cambrai and at other points is suggested as a possibility in the weekly military review issued tonight by the War Department. So far, however, in spite of the heavy fighting the department says no actions of more than local character have been recorded. The review tells of the torpedoing of the liner Tuscania, which carried more than 2,100 American soldiers and attributed the relatively small toll, estimated at about 112 men, to the fine discipline of the soldiers and efficiency of those in command.

Describing briefly the activities of the American troops occupying a sector of the Lorraine front, the department says they have shown themselves well fitted for their task and are rapidly becoming accustomed to trench warfare.

The review in part follows: At dusk on the evening of February 5 off the Irish coast, a torpedo launched from an enemy submarine struck the convoyed liner Tuscania having on board American troops. Our loss at the report appears to be approximately 112 men.

"The fine discipline of the men and the efficient handling of a difficult situation by those in command contributed to account for these relatively slight casualties.

"At the same time we must express our profound appreciation for the splendid work of the British navy in rescuing our forces.

"At the small ports of Ireland and Scotland where our troops were landed they met with a most warm-hearted reception on the part of the people, who did all in their power to administer every comfort and care.

"The sector in Lorraine where our forces are in contact with the enemy continued relatively active throughout the week. Artillery duels took place intermittently, but fog and heavy rains prevented infantry engagements. The Germans attempted no further raids and settled down to systematic sniping and bombing of our positions.

"Our sharpshooters gave a good account of themselves, keeping the enemy parapets well cleared of Germans.

"One stretch of our line is very close up to the German positions. Here bombing and a frequent exchange of hand grenades occurred.

"German aeroplanes made repeated attempts to push their reconnoitering sallies over our lines, but were invariably met with a hot fire.

"Our forces engaged have shown themselves well fitted for their tasks in trenches and are rapidly becoming accustomed to the routine of trench warfare. The warfare of our troops, whether in the trenches or in rest depots, is the object of the immediate personal concern of all our commanders. The rations for the men in the trenches in spite of the enemy's attempts to break up our transport columns, have been regularly assured. The care of our wounded at our field dressing stations as well as at our base-hospitals, is being carried out with efficiency and scientific skill.

"Here in America at our cantonments the training of our new armies is proceeding methodically.

"The arrival in the western theater of additional German forces coming originally from the Russian front is noted. Further Austrian divisions have also detached from other zones of operations and are being concentrated in reserve behind the German lines in the west.

"Much dissatisfaction is expressed throughout Austria-Hungary at the policy of dispatching their troops to fight Germany's battles along the western front.

"The desire for peace is increasing daily in the Dual Monarchy, and it is only natural that the Austrians should resent sacrificing their forces on distant battlefields in the furtherance of German ambitions.

"Flanders was again the scene of numerous minor engagements, particularly the region of Ypres Staden railway, where such fierce fighting took place last autumn.

"The Germans pushed forward repeated reconnoitering thrusts against British positions northeast of Poelcapelle, in the Cambrai salient and at a number of other points.

"Heavy fighting took place along the entire front. Though no actions of more than local character were recorded, it would appear that the long deferred offensive may develop simultaneously at different points of the line as an outcome of these engagements.

"The British took full measure of the enemy in these various undertakings and had the situation well in hand.

"The French front was also the

A THRILLING STORY OF TURKISH CRUELTY

STORY THAT RIVALS THOSE OF ARABIAN NIGHTS

Capt. W. H. Laurene, 18 Years a Prisoner in Turkish Dungeon Tells Graphic Story

An interesting visitor in town is Capt. W. H. Laurene, for 18 years a prisoner in a Turkish dungeon, and the story he tells of the cruelties he suffered at the hands of the Turks, takes one back to the days of the Spanish Inquisition.

Capt. Laurene bears credentials from prominent men in this and other states, and the other data in his possession leaves no doubt as to the authenticity of his experiences.

Capt. Laurene's father was an aide to the French Ambassador at Washington and came to this country in 1860. A few months after his marriage Capt. Laurene was given a commission in the French army and returning to France was sent to Turkey during the uprising in 1895. He was captured by Murad Bey and remained a prisoner in a Turkish dungeon until Dec. 3, 1915, when released by Gen. LeMarie after the battle of Ambola.

He was three times wounded during the fight and the numerous scars he carries on his body tell of the hardships and cruelties he suffered while in the hands of the Turks.

Capt. Laurene's wife was a daughter of Sarah E. Pope, a niece of the late Chief Justice Pope of the South Carolina Supreme Court. His wife and child, thinking him dead, abandoned the old home, and since his release from prison Capt. Laurene has not been able to locate them. While searching for his lost wife and child Capt. Laurene is making lectures telling the people of this country of the cruelties practiced upon christians by the Turks.

Capt. Laurene's description of Turkish atrocities makes one's blood run cold. He says he has seen Turks of gigantic size seize little children and cut their throats, while parents have been murdered in the presence of their children and their bodies horribly mutilated. There is no law in Turkey, says Capt. Laurene; every man is a law unto himself; husbands and fathers are murdered and their wives and daughters are violated; property is seized without due process of law and the slightest protest means the death penalty.

Capt. Laurene has a story which rivals all those of the Arabian Nights—for his story takes one back to the country of harems and of oriental splendor, but Capt. Laurene's tale does not deal with the splendor of the Turkish kingdom. On the contrary, his story is one of cruelty, of wandering, daily search for loved ones lost in the past. His story is enough to make the blood of any christian boil against the barbarities of Mohammedans.

What would you do, man, if you were shut up in a prison for almost a score of years, finally released to find your wife and child lost so far as tracing them is concerned—imagine your longing to again embrace them, to fondle them as was their due and yours—imagine the expectant search with constant hopes of what tomorrow might bring forth, even as the aged prospector hoped in his ineffectual efforts to find the lost Bonanza. Can you imagine such a chain of human circumstances? If one is of christian blood, one must sympathize with this unfortunate

(Continued on page eight)

scene of much lively fighting.

"In the Italian theater no important operations took place.

"The Austrians are continuing their policy of bombing the open towns of the Venetian plain. The priceless art treasures of Padua, Bassano, Treviso, etc., religiously respected through all campaigns in Italy, were during the week the targets of Austrian aviators.

"The British in Palestine have advanced their lines slightly north of Jerusalem.

"In the Balkans there was a recrudescence of active operations. Allied patrols broke into Bulgarian positions at various points.

"The situation in Russia continues confused. Economic conditions have grown more serious and internal strife has broken out in various parts of the country.

"Though surrounded by foes, the Rumanians are still attempting to remain faithful to the Allied cause.

"In spite of many adverse factors the Rumanian forces have hitherto held together and are today an efficient fighting unit. The combat strength of the Rumanian army has increased by 80 per cent since last year.

PHYSICIAN KILLED IN FLORENCE DUEL

Duel Occurs in the Court House, Hicks Calling to Confer with the Probate Judge.

Florence, Feb. 8.—Dr. William Ilderton, a well-known physician of this city, is dead, and J. Wilbur Hicks, a prominent young attorney of this place, lies in the Florence Infirmary seriously wounded, as a result of a pistol battle in the lower hallway of the Florence court house about 11:30 o'clock this morning. Just how seriously Mr. Hicks' wounds are cannot at this time be stated. Attending physicians have said that the wounds are not necessarily fatal, yet they are dangerous. Late this afternoon Mr. Hicks was resting comfortably.

The shooting took place directly on the outside of the door to the office of Harry A. Brunson, probate judge, and before it ended Mr. Brunson barely missed being the victim of an unintentional shot from one of the pistols.

Soon after the shooting began, Geddings Ilderton, oldest son of Dr. William Ilderton, appeared and took part in the shooting, which resulted in his father's death.

The coroner's jury this afternoon handed in a verdict to the effect that Dr. Ilderton came to his death from gun shot wounds, at the hands of J. Wilbur Hicks and Geddings Ilderton. Both of these men are in the custody of Sheriff Burch and will be held until proceedings are had for their release.

The tragedy is the outcome of a family affair of the Ildertons. His wife and grown children left home many months ago and took up their abode elsewhere. Mr. Hicks is attorney for Mrs. Ilderton and her children in a suit against Dr. Ilderton for alimony, which the court of this county had already ordered him to pay.

This matter was to come before Probate Judge Brunson as master today and when Dr. Ilderton appeared in his office this morning Judge Brunson, believing that he was under either the influence of whiskey or some "dope," decided to put the case off, and sent word to Mr. Hicks, who at that time was in the court room upstairs with Mrs. Beulah White Ilderton and her sons, awaiting the calling of the case.

Mr. Hicks, as soon as he was advised of postponement, went to the office of the probate judge to speak with Mr. Brunson, not knowing Dr. Ilderton was in there. As he pushed the door ajar he saw Dr. Ilderton and stepped back into the hall. Mr. Brunson at the same time spoke loudly to Mr. Hicks, telling him to not come into the office.

Dr. Ilderton, seeing Hicks, rushed to the door, threw it open and began firing on Hicks. Hicks drew a pistol and began returning the fire. Ilderton rushed upon him, seized him and threw him to the floor. He continued to fire at Mr. Hicks.

Judge Brunson and others rushed up to pull Ilderton from Hicks' body, when Geddings Ilderton appeared and in an effort to keep his father from killing Hicks, reached over Brunson's shoulder and fired two shots into the body of his father, who at the time was hammering Hicks in the head with the butt of Hicks' pistol, which he had taken from him. As Ilderton's son quit firing, Dr. Ilderton fell over and died in a few moments without uttering a word.

Sheriff Burch was soon on the scene and arrested young Ilderton and Hicks. Ilderton was taken to jail and Hicks sent to the Florence Infirmary.

The shooting was the result of bad feeling between Dr. Ilderton and Mr. Hicks, brought about by Mr. Hicks acting as attorney for Mrs. Ilderton in her suit against Dr. Ilderton for alimony.

Mrs. Ilderton and her children separated from the husband and father early in 1915 and Dr. Ilderton made an effort to secure a divorce, so it is stated. The case was heard in the county court and the court granted alimony, but it was stated that Dr. Ilderton had never complied with the order of the court in that particular.

There are five bullet wounds in the body of Dr. Ilderton, one over the heart, one about three inches from the right breast, a third in the left abdomen, and two in the left shoulder.

Hicks has one wound in the head, one in the right side and an ugly wound from being struck in the head with the butt of the revolver. A third shot struck Hicks' eyeglasses and deflected. Had it not done so he would have been killed instantly, as the bullet was directed at the heart.

Geddings Ilderton was not injured.

The terrible affray has been the talk of the town today, as well as of the countryside. Dr. Ilderton was a powerful man and had been a regu-

TROTZKY AND LENINE SUCCEED IN SCHEMES

BETRAY THEIR PEOPLE FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Russia Withdraws from World War and Orders Its Troops to Demobilize

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Russia has declared the state of war to be at end and has ordered the demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts, according to a dispatch received here today from Brest-Litovsk, dated Sunday. The dispatch follows:

"The president of the Russian delegation at today's (Sunday's) sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts."

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, alluding later to the further discussions that will arise from the situation created between the Central Powers and Russia for the establishment of reciprocal diplomatic, consular, legal and economic relations, indicated a method of direct intercourse between the governments concerned, as well as employment of the commissions of the quadruple alliance which already are at Petrograd.

THREE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Car Dashes Into Atlantic Coast Line Engine at Crossing.

Barnwell, Feb. 10.—One woman and two men were killed and another woman was seriously injured here this afternoon about 6 o'clock when an automobile in which they were riding dashed head-on into a westbound freight engine at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, where the railroad interests the public road leading from Barnwell to Allendale. The dead are: Miss Ready, Fred Lee, and a negro man named Johnson. The injured is a Miss Moody. All of the occupants of the car were from Kline, and were on their way home when the accident occurred.

The driver's view of the oncoming locomotive was obscured by a string of freight cars on the north side of the main line and apparently with no thought of danger he approached the crossing at a rapid rate of speed, according to the testimony of eyewitnesses. So terrible was the impact that the automobile was totally demolished and the cowcatcher of the engine was badly damaged.

The heads of both men were horribly crushed and their bodies mangled, death being instant. Miss Ready lived for a short time, dying in the waiting room in the depot a few minutes after physicians reached the scene. Miss Moody, the extent of whose injuries has not been fully ascertained, but who is thought to have escaped with nothing more serious than a broken collarbone, was taken to the home of Dr. A. B. Patterson for medical attention.

The front of the engine and right-of-way of the railroad for several yards were spattered with the blood and brains of the dead men. A coroner's jury was empanelled and after the inquest is held tonight the bodies will be removed to their homes in Kline.

Mr. athlete. Hicks is small of stature, but game. Dr. Ilderton was originally from near Summerville, in Dorchester County, and came here many years ago, soon after graduating in medicine.

He married Miss Beulah White, daughter of the late R. E. and Mrs. White. There are three children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom are grown.

Dr. Ilderton at one time was a power in politics in Florence, city and county, during the Tillman regime. Later he was a Bleasé supporter.

He owned what is known as the Ilderton Infirmary at Barringer and Evans streets, and it is said that it was the beginning and the cause of the trouble that finally resulted in his death today.

The body was taken to Waters' undertaking parlors and prepared for burial. The funeral and place of interment have not as yet been announced. Dr. Ilderton leaves relatives in Dorchester County.

Mr. Hicks is a member of the law firm of Hicks & Muldrow. His partner, Capt. C. W. Muldrow, is in the army, having gone from here in command of the Florence Infantry Company last year. Mr. Hicks is a son of the Rev. Mr. Hicks, of near Olanta, and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the county.

MALLORY MAN KILLED; OTHERS INJURED

Automobile Plunges From Bridge Near Hamlet—G. R. Roberson Meets Instant Death

Hamlet, N. C., Feb. 11.—G. R. Roberson of Mallory, S. C., R. F. D. No. 3, was instantly killed, his wife and her sister, owner and driver of the car, Mannie Shapiere, and two children of Mr. and Mrs. Roberson were injured when the automobile in which they were riding plunged off the bridge which crossed the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, three miles east of here.

Mrs. Roberson's condition is considered critical. Shapiere is paralyzed from the waist down. During the brief time the car hung over the edge of the bridge before taking the fatal plunge, Maurice Flesham of Baltimore, a nephew of Shapiere, who was on the front seat, jumped out of the car to the bridge and escaped injury.

THE TIME IS EXTENDED

For Filing Income and Excess Profits Returns

Washington, Feb. 10.—Extension of the time for filing income and excess profits returns from March 1 to April 1 was announced today by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper.

This ruling applies also to reports on payments of more than \$800 during the year to be made by employers and business enterprises and covers incomes both above and below \$3,000 and corporation incomes.

Delay in the preparation of blank forms and regulations was the principal cause for the postponement. Forms have not yet been issued for excess profits returns of three classes—individual, partnership and corporation; for income returns by trustees of fiduciaries; and for partner-income returns. These are promised for next week. All other forms have been distributed.

The extension of time to April 1 applies to returns by corporations doing business on a fiscal year basis.

FOUR SOUTH CAROLINIANS

Recorded As Having Been Aboard the Tuscania

Washington, Feb. 10.—Wayne S. Bell, of Marion, and Albert S. Hucks, of Branchville, respectively, sergeant and private in the Twentieth Engineers, and W. J. Stuckey, of Lamar, and J. Nelson, of Scotland, both sergeants in the 100th aero squadron, were the only South Carolinians officially recorded as having been on board the Tuscania. All except Nelson have been officially reported as rescued and there is a fair chance that Nelson's name may be found on one of the lists of survivors.

There were seven North Carolinians on the Tuscania and all are officially reported among the rescued.

Germans Gloat Over Ship Loss

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—German newspapers are gloating over the psychological effect which they expect the sinking of the Tuscania must produce in America.

The Kölnische Volks Zeitung says the event must unfailingly dampen the spirits of Americans and proceeds:

"Sundry American vessels, some with munitions and perhaps a small number of soldiers, have been sunk before, but so far as we know this is the first case of a big transport with considerable number of troops aboard falling victim to our u-boats. Large sized transports have never or rarely so far crossed, for the oceanic forces in France are not very large.

"As such vessels must be covered with great care, our u-boats' accomplishment is all the more remarkable gratifying."

The Berlin Mittag and makes a similar comment and says that so much war material lost and that the rescued were immediately available for

ATTENTION SUBS

The attention of subscribers is again called to the fact that the Herald pay in advance regardless of who they are and if the little red paper does not show paid up in advance 18 this will be come to you unless you have remittance and the label is incorrect. If you promptly pay you before continued and annoyance in renewing your subscription that the Herald pay